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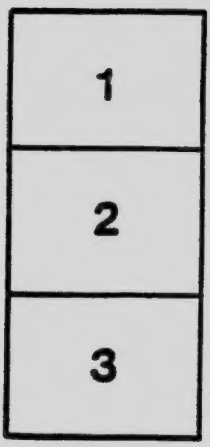

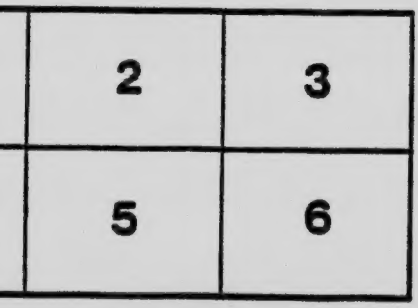

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THE HASTINGS

Mining Association

ORGANIZED DEC. 27, 1906.

Board of Trade and Mining Association.

One of the Largest and Most Enthusiastic Meetings Ever Held in Madoc.

The following officer were elected :—

BOARD OF TRADE.

Mr. Thos. Cross—President.
Dr. Harper—1st Vice-President.
Mr. McCoy—2nd do
Mr. B. O'Hara—Secretary.
Mr. J. C. Dale—Treasurer.

HASTINGS MINING ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. A. Hungerford, Vice-President of the Atlas Arsenic Co., was unanimously elected President.
Mr. Arthur Cox—1st Vice-President.
Mr. E. B. Davies—2nd do
Mr. S. Wellington—3rd do
Mr. D. Gillen—Secretary.
Mr. R. T. Gray—Treasurer.

Able addresses made by prominent business and mining men.
Present mining laws not satisfactory for this section.
The following is the gist of the speeches given :—
After the meeting was called to order, Dr. Harper was elected Chairman.

MR. T. CROSS

I came here like the other gentlemen present to see what can be done to organize a Board of Trade for the town, also to give my hearty support in trying to form the Hastings Mining Association. Speaking from my own standpoint we should have some object in making this town the city of the north. We have many advantages and must try and make most of them. We have not developed our rich minerals. It seemed a very difficult thing to enthuse people and get them to believe we have anything here. But through communication with people during the past 40 years had found none who did not say this was the best mining district in Canada. There have been many failures in the past. But as a rule it has been the lack of skill, honesty and capital, and it was not the fault of this county that they did not succeed. They did not make a right start and thousands of dollars was spent in a haphazard way that if spent by business men would nave made a success of many of our mines that are now closed down. A few going mines would be the best thing we could have. A town is just what business men make of it. What can we do to assist the town? Do not wait till you have all the advantages on your side. Nature has done a great many things here. I believe we have here and north of here any amount of mines that could be developed by proper care and capital. Don't discourage men who come to look over mineral properties. The spirit that says "no good" never does anything. Stick up for your town and for one another. Work up your town. If there is anything I can do to assist in any way I will do it. I have faith in our town, and faith in the mining interests of this county, and I hope the Hastings Mining Association will be a power for good in this district.

MR. DALE

I have often thought about what we could do to advance the interests of the town. Our location places us ahead of other towns in North Hastings. The men can help its growth. We can do a great deal both in mining and commercializing to help our growth. There has been

very little encouragement for prospectors in past. Everything was favorable. We have never run down our town or praised it either. I cannot mention one village that can equal Madoc. I can mention towns and cities that have every advantages yet have no manufactories of any account. I refer to cities with many disadvantages that have made good success in extending their manufactories. The situation does not make the town. How much we can do for this place if we pull together. I have much faith in the Copper mines at Eldorado. Many discourage ideas, and this has a dampening influence on strangers. In past the mining history in North Hastings has not been [illegible]tive, but the reason was [illegible]k of experience or capital. [illegible]. Logan, 50 years ago in his [illegible]al report stated that North [illegible]s would yet be the Sheffield of [illegible]da. If we can get manufactories and mining interests going it would be a good thing. Business men come forward with their ideas to these organizations, and these ideas developed are of interest and help others. In regard to the G.T.R. to Eldorado, pressure could be brought to bear on the Government by a properly constituted Board of Trade. I am of the opinion the G.T.R. must build or refund money. All traffic could be brought from the north. What we want is to get people coming here. Now we have no channel to carry out our ideas. With a good board these could be brought out and would create a good spirit in town and not discourage people from coming here. I never was a member of a Board of Trade, but am willing to become one and would do all I can to help. If it paid to have it in larger places it would no doubt to have it here.

MR. JOSEPH JAMES

I am greatly gratified, although unexpected, that we had the good will of the people here. There is hardly any limit as to wh[illegible] good a Board of Trade could do here. Madoc should have a Board of Trade. A body of merchants and business men have more influence than any other body. As to mining we want the votes of men in the country to make the mining vote in North Hastings an important factor. We want help and would be thankful to bring this question before them. Encourage us to get the stuff. That stuff in my belief is right here in North Hastings. We are at a critical stage in mining in N. Hastings and need the assistance and goodwill of the community. A lot of money was lost through pure indifference on the part of those who did not put in the money. Organize and get the associations going and help what you reasonably can, and we will all feel the benefit.

MR. COTTLE

It is true I have [illegible] in various parts where there were Boards of Trade. These have not only looked after the business part of the town, but have helped in making the town more attractive by beautifying the streets and parks and helping the roads. These meetings were held once a month. I think a board properly organized and members working together they would tend to have railroad to Eldorado opened. We should have all the northern business, and if we had this road it would come here. If the proper pressure were brought to bear the G. T. would open the road rather than forfeit the money. I will do all in my power to encourage and assist either of the organizations.

DR. HARPER

A good Board would bring pressure to bear on County Council to get our proper share of good roads. An effort should be made to get an increased appropriation for this village. We are paying in more than other towns for roads and are not getting our share. The roads near our village are worse than those further out, so Board of Trade could use influence to help these roads.

MR. W. A. HUNGERFORD

I can assure you I consider it a very great privilege to have the opportunity to speak to you this evening on a question that is of the deepest importance to this section of Ontario and this county in particular. We have met here to-night for the purpose of organizing two associations, both with the one object in view, the welfare of the community. And I do not think there is a gentleman here to-night, but is heartily in accord with

the object of this meeting. I am not intending to speak altogether in the interest of the Board of Trade, only that I sincerely hope you will be successful in forming such an organization as at this time, more than at any other time in the history of Madoc. Such an organization should be formed. But I would like to say a few words in behalf of the mining interest of Eastern Ontario. As we, the miners of this section, feel that the present mining laws and regulations are not adopted for this section, and that the Legislations that has taken place, are all based in the interest of the Cobalt section, and not for the older portion of the province. And we feel separate Legislation should be made, so as to meet the wants of the Eastern district. The conditions existing in this section, and the Cobalt section, are so far apart that the same laws and regulations cannot govern both districts satisfactorily. We also feel that nothing has yet been done by the present Government that has benefited in any way this portion of Ontario, not that the wish to discriminate against this section, but from their want of reliable information regarding our wants. And we feel that representation should be made to the Government, so that we may have our rights. This county is the premier mining county in Ontario, in fact, I might say in Canada. And although, Cobalt is immensely rich in silver and we hope also in gold. Yet as a matter of fact, there is as much or more wealth in sight at the present time in Eastern Ontario and in this county, than Cobalt will ever produce, and when Cobalt has gone the way of all such mining camps, Hastings district cannot fail to be a flourishing mining centre. I do not make this statement out of any doubt about the richness of that section, but I make it from the facts connected with our county. In the first place Cobalt we know has some enormously rich silver mines, but in that alone consists her wealth. When they are worked out nothing will be left. Now what has this district got. In the first place, we have more Arsenical ores in the County of Hastings and Addington, than can be found in any other country in the world, and with capital to develop their deposits. We could produce enough Arsenic in this district alone to supply the world's demand. And I make this statement knowing what I say to be the fact, that in no part of the Dominion of Canada can such views of auriferous free milling quartz be found as in this county. In the northern part of these townships you can see veins from fifty to two hundred feet wide. At the Craig mine in Tudor there is a vein over three hundred feet carrying free gold. True, the ores are low grade, but all high enough to pay if worked on a large scale. Then there are iron deposit in every township in North Hastings, and no finer iron can be found in the Dominion than in some of best iron deposits. Look at the mines at L'Amable owned by Mr. Farham, for which he refused $2,000,000 within the last month. And what about our pyrites, in what part of this continent can they be found in such abundance as in this district. See what the Nickle's Co., of New York, are doing in the township of Hungerford, erecting a plant at a cost of over one million dollars to treat the products of their own mines. Then we have Copper, see what Col. Saunders has been doing with his Copper Smelter at Eldorado, and Mr. Cushman, at Bannockburn, with his Lead Smelter. And besides these ores we have Talc, Sope-stone and Marbles of every shade and color. Sand Stones, Feldspar, Mica, Asbestos Actinolite, Corundum, Cobalt, Plumbago, Flourspar, Lithographic stone, Molybdenumite, Zinc, Sodalites, Celestite, Marella, Antimony, Barite, Apatite, Fowlerite and Pyrrhotites, besides Quarries of Granites, Gneiss Slate and Lime stones. And it is because we have these minerals that we feel some sort of assistance should be given, and we hope that this association will be the means to bring this district more prominently before the public. The question has been often asked why our gold mines have not paid. The question is easily answered. In almost every case it has been the want of money, the want of experience, the want of development, and the cost of power. This is not a poor man's country, it requires capital to develop our mines, and the ores must be treated in large quantities, with two exceptions the largest mills in this district are ten stamp mills. As a rule our ores will

not go over $4.50 to $5.50 per ton, although these exceptions id' gold, which even with ten stamp mills would pay well, provided we had cheap power. When I tell you that it cost the Gold Fields Co. in the neighborhood, of $35,000 to $38,000 per year for fuel, over $80.00 per Horse-power per annum, and the Atlas Arsenic Co., when working the Gawley shaft over $20,000 per year with only a ten stamp mill. You can have some idea of where the profits go, but now that the Government has taken up the power question, there is no reason if we can get the power at a reasonable cost, but that every one of our gold mines will pay. Of course, we who are in the Arsenical district are not depending on the gold product alone, as we have the Arsenic as a paying product and there is every reason to believe that the Arsenic mine will be in full blast by next summer, provided Arsenic holds at its present price. Two years ago Arsenic was sold in New York at $60.00 per ton, now it is worth from $140 to $160 per ton, with our supply of Arsenical ores, and the fact that in England where the main supply came from, manufacturing Arsenic is a thing of the past on that account. There is good reason to believe that the eyes of capitalists will be directed to this district. In fact, they have got to, as with our gold product which our Mispickle Ores contain, we can manufacture Arsenic, at a cost of $40 less per ton than they could do in any other country. It has also been said by skeptics who know nothing about the conditions of this section, that our pay ores do not continue with depth. I defy any one to show any truth in this statement. The fact is, that in every instance better values are found in the lower workings than on top. It is quite true we have no deep mines. The deepest shaft is on the Goldfield property at Deloro, which is in the neighborhood of 500 feet. The ore at this level is richer in Arsenic and in Gold, than was ever found on top. The same applies to the Cordova at its 400 feet levels, and also at The Gawley and Atlas Arsenic mines, as well as at the Copper mines at Eldorado, and Lead mines at Bannockburn, also The Craig Co. mine at Tuar, and the richest and largest bodies of ore at The Nickle's property in Hungerford township, were found at these present workings between three and four hundred feet, and there has never been an instance on record where a true vein has pinched out in this section, so I may say that any statement of that sort is utterly misleading and untrue. Now gentlemen what do we want from the Governments. We ask from the Dominion Government that no bounty be paid on Pig Iron, which is smelted in part or in whole from American Ores, but that a bounty be paid on Iron manufactured from Canadian Ores. That there shall be no duty on coal when used for smelting purposes. From the Ontario Government we ask that there shall be no licenses required for prospecting either on Government or private lands in this district. That the mining license system be done away with. That there shall be no bounties on Gold Ores that does not pay over $20 per ton. We also want that a full list of all the Government lands be placed in hands of the Clerks of each township in this district where mine lands exist. So that those wishing to prospect Government lands may know the lots owned by the Government, and we ask, that a tax of not less than 20c. per acre shall be paid by owners on the mineral rights of properties who do not own the surface rights, and who are not working the properties. As you are aware in this section thousands of acres are held by speculators who buy up these lands at tax sales. Selling the surface rights and holding the mineral rights for speculative purposes, by doing this the municipalities will get the benefit of this revenue, and they will either have to sell their properties at reasonable figures or contribute the revenue to the County. We would also ask the Government that an approperation be made each year for assisting to build roads to mines that are situated in the unsettled parts of the county. We would also ask that assistance be given or a bounty paid for establishing reduction work for the treatment of Pyrite Ores, so as to encourage this industry in this section, where there are so many undeveloped Pyrite properties. These questions with others on the same lines I hope will be brought up at our future meetings, and I am confident with our united

efforts, we can show investors that there is no better field for investment than in this section.

MR. DAVIES

I hardly know what to say as I am a stranger here. I have this to say I have had the best mining experts come here to examine the country. I wanted to find out how I lost my money, but I will get it back with big interest. Sir Wm. Logan said "The day will come when Hastings Co. will be of the best mining country under the sun. I am prepared to prove it. I am not working for any corporation, I am paying out my own money. Cobalt is nothing more than a termination of this country here. Mr. Miller, of Ottawa, says that the same trouble exists in Cobalt as here. Men have stated they have been to the bottom of the Richardson mine in recent years. This statement as are untruths as there has been no person to the bottom of that mine since 1870. I helped to crush the last ton of ore taken out of the Richardson mine. What is wanted is to have a uniform running law. British Columbia has the finest mining law in the world. There is no chance to get into the Court of Chancery in a mining suit. Experts say if the minerals were properly mined by the right process the output would be enormous. I am glad to see such an interested audience. Work together and make it what it should be. We need no cheap mine lottery here, what we need is the moral support of the community. The Board of Trade must go to work and advertise the country.

MR W. H. CROSS

We should have a publicity Committee re mining interests. These should be sent from Madoc, and not second hand from Belleville. What we want is a Recorder, so that those wishing information about claims may do so.

MR. E. B. DAVIES

I would move that we have an assay office here. I will give $100 toward it. Let us maintain an assay office here.

MR. C. F. AYLESWORTH

I am interested in progress of meeting. This was a decisive step in the best interests of the village. We must get together and work with a will and make a town of our village. We have many able men here and we want to keep them here. We must go on and develop the interests of our town.

The Board decided to send a collection of Hastings' ores to the Jamestown Exposition.

As announced last week, the next meeting of the joint associations will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7th, 1907, at 8 o'clock.